

House Resolution 1469

By: Representative Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the City of Fort Gaines on its 192nd birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines, the third oldest, continuously populated municipality in Georgia,
4 is celebrating its 192nd birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines is a small rural community in Southwest Georgia and its history is
6 rich, its natural resources bountiful, and its citizens friendly; and

7 WHEREAS, the city was founded on April 2, 1816, by General Edmond Pendleton Gaines
8 as part of the settlement of the 20 million acre Tallassee Territory, which the United States
9 received after General Andrew Jackson won the Creek Indian War in 1814; and

10 WHEREAS, during its history, Fort Gaines has been a fortress two more times, once in 1836,
11 during the Indian uprising resulting from their relocation to Oklahoma, and again in 1863,
12 as a Confederate States of America fort defending the Chattahoochee River against the Union
13 Navy who was proceeding upriver to Columbus, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines began as an outpost along what was then America's western frontier
15 and grew to a town in 1830, when General John Dill became the mayor; and

16 WHEREAS, it became the county seat in 1854 when Clay County was established, and grew
17 to a city of over 6,000 in the 1950's and 1960's during the construction of the Walter F.
18 George dam, lock, reservoir, and lake; and

19 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines, overlooking Lake Walter F. George and known as the "Bass
20 Fishing Capital of America," is proud of the nearby George Bagby State Park, Lodge and
21 Marina; the Meadow Links Golf Course; the Frontier Village; the Phenomenon Hiking and

1 Biking Trail; Georgia's renowned Sutton's Corner Frontier General Store Museum; the Fort
2 Gaines Historic District and the 200 year old Frontier Cemetery; and

3 WHEREAS, the Fort Gaines Historic Society is planning a celebration of Fort Gaines' 192nd
4 birthday by having an antique sale in the historic Hatchett Drug Store and a birthday
5 celebration in downtown Fort Gaines.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body recognize and congratulate Fort Gaines, Georgia, on the
8 celebration of its 192nd birthday.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor of Fort Gaines,
11 Georgia.